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SUBJECT: ATHENS COURT OF APPEALS AGREES TO FILING OF
CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON AGAINST PAPADOPOULOS
AND LEADING JUNTA ASSOCIATES.

REF: ATHENS 7769

1. ON NOVEMBER 1, FULL COUNCIL OF ATHENS COURT OF APPEALS
(EIGHTY MEMBERS PLUS EIGHT PRESIDENTS OF THE
AFFILIATED COURTS) AUTHORIZED PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO PROCEED
WITH LEVYING CHARGES AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS
AND HIS LEADING JUNTA ASSOCIATES ON CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON.
COUNCIL WAS EXPECTED TO RENDER DECISION OCTOBER 31, BUT AFTER
THREE-HOUR MEETING THAT DAY, DECIDED TO POSTPONE DECISION
UNTIL NOVEMBER 1. SPECIFIC, SUBSIDIARY CHARGES UNDER HIGH
TREASON INCLUDE FORCEFUL SEIZURE OF POWER, ABOLITION OF
CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND ARBITRARY ARRESTS OF
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DISSIDENTS.

2. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IS REPORTEDLY ORDERING FULL-SCALE
INVESTIGATION TO NOW BE CARRIED OUT. A TOTAL OF SOME
FIFTY DEFENDANTS COULD ULTIMATELY STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES
ISSUED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, SINCE ORIGINAL SUIT BY
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PROVATE ATHENS LAWYER LYDOUREZZOS HAD ORIGINALLY NAMED
PAPADOPOULOS AND FOURTEEN ASSOCIATES AS DEFENDANTS WHILE

A COMPANION SUIT BY ATHENS UNION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS HAD NAMED FIFTY
DEFENDANTS.

3. PRESS TODAY REPORTS THAT PAPADOPOULOS HIMSELF HS TAKEN
LEGAL ACTION THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY CONTESTING LEGALITY OF
OFDER DEPORTING HIM TO ISLAND OF KEA (ATHENS 7731).
ADDITIONALLY, PAPADOPOULOS' LAWYER ARGUING THAT LYKOUREZOS
SUIT IMPROPERLY FILED IN THAT A "USCCDSSFUL REVOLUTION"
CREATES ITS OWN LAW AND THUS FORMER PREMIER CANNTO BE
TRIED FOR VIOLATING PRE-EXISTING LAW.
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